

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 51-88 on the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over at least claims 1 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,436,133. U.S. Patent No. 6,436,133 pertains to a specific configuration for an intraluminal graft. None of the features of an intraluminal graft are defined in any of the pending claims. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,436,133 has not disclosure regarding a releasable coating biological agent on the intraluminal graft. As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,436,133.

Applicant noted that the Office Action did not include any indication that the Examiner considered the prior art submitted by Applicant in this application. Consideration of the prior art is requested.

Applicant submits that the claims pending in the above-identified patent application are in allowable form and a notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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